CO Election Security 2024 Annual FFR

SECTION I. DETAILS

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11103	Approved		Annual
Due Date	**Reporting Period From**		**Reporting Period To**
12/29/2024	10/1/2023		9/30/2024

PROJECT/GRANT PERIOD

Federal Grant Name	Basis of Accounting
Election Security	Cash

RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION DETAILS

Organization Legal Name	Organization Type	UEI	EIN
State of Colorado Secretary of State Office	State	Q6HLZ59BFLU5	840644739
Street	**City**	**State**	**Zip Code**
1700 BROADWAY SUITE 550	DENVER	CO	80290

SECTION II. TRANSACTIONS

FEDERAL CASH	
10a. Cash Receipts	$16,821,719.00
10b. Cash Disbursements	$6,504,210.54
10c. Cash on Hand *(line a minus b)*	$10,317,508.46
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES AND UNOBLIGATED BALANCE	
10d. Total Federal Funds Authorized	$16,821,719.00
10e. Federal Share of Expenditures	$6,504,210.54
10f. Federal Share of Unliquidated Obligations	$0.00
10g. Total Federal Share *(sum of line e plus line f)*	$6,504,210.54
10h. Unobligated Balance of Federal Funds *(line d minus g)*	$10,317,508.46
RECIPIENT SHARE	
10i. Total Recipient Share Required	$2,412,898.00
10j. Recipient Share of Expenditures	$1,976,990.98
10k. Remaining Recipient Share to be Provided *(line i minus j)*	$435,907.02
PROGRAM INCOME	
10l. Total Federal Program Income Earned	$0.00
10m. Program Income Expended in Accordance with the Deduction Alternative	$0.00
10n. Program Income Expended in Accordance with the Addition Alternative	$0.00
10o. Unexpended Program Income *(line l minus line m and line n)*	$0.00
FEDERAL INTEREST	
10p. Total Federal Interest Earned	$1,468,211.51

10q. Federal Interest Expenditures	$130,138.23
10r. Remaining Federal Interest to be Expended *(line p minus q)*	$1,338,073.28

SECTION III. INDIRECT EXPENSES

11a. Type	11b. Rate (%)	11c. Period From	11c. Period To	11d. Base	11e. Amount Charged	11f. Federal Share
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					false	
				11g. Total		

SECTION IV. STATE INTEREST

12a. State Interest Earned	$4,309.00
12b. State Interest Expended	$0.00
12c. State Program Income Earned	$0.00
12d. State Program Income Expended	$0.00

SECTION V. CERTIFICATION

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Voter Registration Systems	$80,979.36		The Department expended $80,979.36 in Election Security Grant funds to monitor network security threats and create backups of information, as well as the purchase of infrastructure, including hardware to support SCORE.
Election Auditing			
Cyber Security	$331,780.35	$81,491.40	The Department expended $260,339.51 in Election Security Grant funds and $81,491.40 in Election Security Grant Match Funds to staff the unit, which helps protect Colorado's elections by working with counties to improve their systems and physical security. The Department expended $116.00 in Election Security Grant funds to conduct the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Tabletop the Vote is a yearly event with Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Colorado National Guard and Attorney General's (AG) office to prepare for unexpected or malicious activity that may happen during the upcoming 2024 election cycle. The Department expended $27,045.42 in Election Security Grant funds to pay for materials and travel costs for the 2024 EPIC training. The Department expended $12,300.00 of Election Security Grant Match funds to pay for online training to build security awareness among election officials and poll workers on how to recognize and report suspicious activity in order to prevent targeted violence, terrorism, and criminal acts. The Department expended $3,316.48 to ensure every county election office had a supply of Narcan available.

Physical Security	$143,211.22	$64,238.05	The Department expended $143,211.22 of Election Security Grant and $64,238.05 in Election Security Grant Match funds to pay for security to ensure the protection of the Secretary against threats.
Voter Education	$922,705.00	$11,117.00	The Department expended $922,705.00 in Election Security Grant and $11,117.00 in Election Security Grant Match funds to prevent the spread of foreign mis/dis-information.`
Accessibility	$2,355.08		The Department expended $2,355.08 in Election Security Grant funds to purchase materials for ADA training and conducting polling place audits, and to assist counties with assessing compliance and identifying remediation options.
Other (Interest, Historical Database and Tribal Outreach expenses.)	$1,346.80	27994.71	The Department expended $605.80 in Election Security Grant funds to work with the UTE tribes to gain an understanding of barriers and concerns around voting and voter registration. $741.00 was expended in Election Security Grant funds for the annual State Treasury Fee for maintaining our election fund. The Department expended $27,994.71 in Election Security Grant Match funds to upload, archive, and maintain a searchable database of Colorado's federal election data, dating back to 1902.
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TRAINING

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SUBAWARD INFORMATION

SUBAWARD DETAILS

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9b. Identify whether the subgrants were provided as an advance or on a cost-reimbursement basis. If provided as an advance, confirm whether funds were deposited in an interest-bearing account per HAVA 254(b)(1)(d) and the Uniform Guidance §200.305(b)(7,8) and §200.332(a)(2,3).
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